

# Marsha Hotch

## Tlingit Language and Cultural Specialist

Marsha Hotch *Guneiwti* is of the Gaanaxteidi clan. She is a child of the Shungukeidi (Thunderbird Clan). She is the youngest female Tlingit Language speaker that learned from her parents and grandparents, and continues to learn from her elder mentors. She has 5 children and 14 grandchildren. Marsha is an activist for Tlingit Language, she has collaborated with other organizations at local levels, regionally, state wide, as well as nationally and international. She has worked on documenting and developing language curriculum, translating, transcribing the Tlingit language and teaching it in her community, regionally at all levels for the past 15 years.

Marsha, with a team, produced a radio show called *Tlingit Time*, 52-5 minute lessons. *Tlingit Time* has been aired on KHNS radio and throughout various locations in Alaska since 2006.

She is a 2007 recipient of the Alaska Governor's Distinguished Services to the Humanities award for her work in Tlingit Language and Culture. She is a weaver. Marsha is currently working on her Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree at UAS. She is also an Adjunct Instructor teaching the Tlingit Language at various levels and Mentor-Apprentice classes.

